

The e-Resources & Services of the National Central Library in Taiwan

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Amidst rapid changes in information dissemination technology and services, the National Central Library (NCL) has made tangible achievements in enhancing services to the public, academic the cultural industry with resources for research, education, and production. Such achievements include the development of digital resources and expansion of online content; establishment of the National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet) to enhance inter-library cooperative cataloging and online union catalogs; creation of a portal linking to the best Chinese knowledge resources around worldwide and the establishment of a Taiwan document web to preserve and share Taiwan's cultural assets; promotion of an e-learning service platform to expand channels for specialized study in librarianship; establishment of the Remote Electronic Access/Delivery (REA Dncl) system to provide global access to information from Taiwan; and establishment of cooperation mechanisms with overseas libraries to expand the depth and scope of the NCL collection. The NCL has also initiated a pilot nationwide digitization project – the NCL National Digital Archives Plan (<http://readopac.ncl.edu.tw/ndap/en/index.htm>), initially covering the period from 2002 to 2006. After five years of effort, many valuable collections have been digitized and people throughout the world can search and browse them through the website of the NCL (<http://www.ncl.edu.tw>). The NCL's extensive experience on digitization has facilitated cooperative programs with libraries in Taiwan and abroad. Among them, the U.S. Library of Congress has a collaborative project on digitization of the Chinese rare books with the NCL.